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- A. CJCS 6226/112351Z APR 58 (PASEP)
- B. SACRECONCEN DO/DI 081940 7 DEC 67 (PASEP)
- C. JCS J3 6391/032009Z JAN 60 (NOTAL) (PASEP)
- D. DIA DIAXX-1 2402/1319522 TUN 68 (PASEP)
- 1. Ref A directed the use of SR-71 and drone aircraft to obtain minimal coverage essential to detect changes in NVN Military capability and the extent of resupply activity. Ref B contained the following quote from CSAF AFXOPR 301506Z NOV 6% QUOTE: The 147S Drone in SEA is to be used primarily as a tactical reconnaissance vehicle and may be tasked to CINCSAC by CINCPAC in coordination with his component commanders. In the event National tasking from here is required JCS will task CINCSAC This message has been coordinated with JCS, J3 (JRC). Ref C directo CINCHAC requests UNQUOTI BUMPY ACTION for high altitude Bug missions, to be submitted to CINCSAC for action with information to JCS. CINCSAC is directed to his the CINCPAC requests within capabilities. Ref D asserted that Davides required to costaly the validity of objectives programed for Society

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and SR-71 coverage and assess the effectiveness of results. CINCPAC

Therefore requested to restrict recce requirements submitted directly to CINCSAC to those already validated/approved by DIA and listed in the DIA Imagery Reconnaissance Objectives List (IROL).

Those not contained in the IROL are to be submitted via normal IROL nomination procedures to DIA for validation.

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3. The procedures requested by DIA in Ref D are Energy Conditions and not appropriate to the war conditions encountered in SEA. The Imagery Reconnaissance

Objectives Program (IROP) and lists were not conceived for nor was the program presented and coordinated with the Unified and Specified Commands to support the type of operations presently being conducted in SEA. DIA IROL submission and validation procedures preclude timely responses to the requirements of the operational commands in SEA. The PACOM data bases contain thousands of targets (i.e., bridges, supply countes, truck parks, LOC segments and bypasses, etc.), previously not considered suitable for IROL inclusion since they were tactical in nature and associated only with SEA strice forces. Inclusion of these types of facilities in the IROL would degrade the IROP and compound an already difficult reconnaissance problem. Besides reducing the timeliness of response, the potentially effective IROP system would become inundated with objectives of a fleeting nature. Accordingly, the effectiveness of the IROL as a Peacetime

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Reconnaissance Management tool would be seriously degraded.

It would appear that DIA could identify current requirements through use of CINCPAC tasking messages and the PACOM data bases already disseminated thus precluding the delays incurred in the administrative procedures of the approving and certifying each PACOM recce requirement. This is particularly true for the Giant Scale program which has an ample collection capability. Photo Interpretation Reports, automatically forwarded to DIA, should provide all necessary information for effectiveness assessment of both Giant—Scale and Bumpy Action programs.

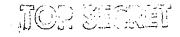
4. Recommend the following procedures:

a CINCPAC requests for Guant Scale or Burpy Action reconnaissance over SEA continue to be submitted direct to CaNCSAC with information to JCS/DIA in accordance with REFG.

CINCIAN continue to honor CINCPAC requests within capabilities.

o. JCS (JRC/DIA) continue to monitor requests per para 3 above, notifying CINCSAC and CINCPAC only when requests are not favorably considered, as also directed by para 3, Ref C.

DIA continue to exclude PACOM SEA requirements from standar. alidation and IROL submission procedures. GP-1



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